

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6165

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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GABORONE FOR EO/BLS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, LT

SUBJECT: HOUSING FOR NEW C & R OFFICER

1. A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HOUSING HAS PREVAILED IN MASERU FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SINCE RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF NEW C & R OFFICER (JACOBSON), EMBASSY HAS MADE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES INTO POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING LEASED HOUSING. SINCE ARRIVAL AT POST SIX WEEKS AGO, CHARGE HAS HAD HOUSINGPROBLEM AS MAJOR PREOCCUPATION. WITH JACOBSONS ARRIVING LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER, HOUSING HAS BECOME URGENT MATTER INVOLVING POSSIBLE SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEM. TO DATE ALL ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE SUITABLE LEASED HOUSING HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS.

2. AS LAST AND ONLY RESORT EMBASSY HAS LOCATED ENTREPRENEUR WHO

WILL FINANCE AND BUILD A FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE ON A LEASE/PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT. IT WOULD TAKE SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS TO BUILD WITH OCCUPANCY EXPECTED MAY 1977. THE LEASE WOULD COST DOLS 18,245 ANNUALLY FOR EIGHT YEARS AT THE TERMINATION OF WHICH THE EMBASSY WOULD HAVE OPTION TO PURCHASE. FIRST TWO YEARS WOULD HAVE TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAID IN ADVANCE AND YEARLY IN ADVANCE THEREAFTER.

3. UPON COMPLETION, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IRO WOULD OCCUPY THE HOUSE. JACOBSONS WOULD MOVE INTO PRESENT IRO RESIDENCE WHICH ADJOINS EMBASSY PROPERTY AND IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUSLY LOCATED FOR CALL-INS.

4. TO PROVIDE NEEDED HOUSING IN ONLY FASHION DEEMED POSSIBLE, EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROVAL TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ASAP.  
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